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## FOUR MEN BURNED TO DEATH IN HOTEL FIRE

Thirty-Five More Guests at the House Are Seriously Burned and Horribly Mangled by Jumping From Windows.

## WAS SALVATION ARMY HOTEL

The Fire Started in a Closet and Was Carried Through Building By Elevator Shaft and Occupants Were Compelled to Leap for Life.

Associated Press.

St. Louis, Nov. 28.—Four men were burned to death and probably twelve more were injured in a fire which occurred early today, that practically destroyed the Lighthouse Hotel, conducted by the Salvation Army. Fully 500 men were asleep in the building when the fire was discovered. The number being on the second and third floors. All became panic-stricken before the firemen arrived and could stretch nets, and many jumped from upper windows, and were picked up crushed and unconscious on the street below. Four of the dead are not identified as their bodies were burned to a crisp. The fire was discovered by watchman O'Connell in a clothes closet and soon spread throughout the building. The closet had formerly been an elevator shaft and caused a draft, which assisted in the rapid spread of the flames. At every window could be seen the forms of half-naked men, calling to the firemen in terror, and a few minutes later leaping to the sidewalk below. Life lines placed at the windows provided means of escape for scores. Terror took possession of the men and a number started to run in the streets as soon as they escaped from the building. Thinly clad, frenzied men ran wildly until caught and taken in the ambulances to places of

warmth.

Dozens were sick from the effects of smoke and gas inhaled. Some men, apparently not hurt at all were crying abjectly but unable to tell what was the matter with them. About 85 were crowded into the basement sleeping, when the fire was discovered. The door was apparently locked but their cries attracted the attention of the police man, and the basement door was broken in. Men poured out like rats from a trap. Fire swept through second and third floors and damaged the structure to the estimated value of \$2,500.

Cause of the fire was not ascertained.

Two who were injured by jumping from the windows died later in the hospital and six others who jumped are unconscious and not expected to live.

The names of those that died in the hospital are:

Oscar F. Davis, 76 years old, a soldier of Quince, Ill.

George D. Ross.

The following probably fatally injured:

James Varley.

George M. Perry.

Thomas Walsh.

Thomas Fleming.

John Butler.

Charles Meyer.

Julius Vierhille.

Safe and Sure Cure for Croup.

When a man finds a good thing it is natural that he should wish to share his good fortune with others. Mr. Henry Boix, of Hillsboro, Iowa, is not an exception to this rule. He

says, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for years. As a croup cure it has no equal. I am satisfied that it saved my boy's life, and take pleasure in recommending it." For sale by Golding Drug Co.

Town Destroyed by Storm.

Associated Press.  
San Francisco, Nov. 28.—News by the steamer San Juan from Guatemala tells of the destruction of the town of Tutupac during the hurricane which recently ravaged neighboring coasts. Tutupac lies in an out of the way part of Tehuantepec and had a population of about 5,000. When the hurricane was at its height the town was inundated by a rise in the river on which it situated and nearly all the buildings were washed away. The inhabitants sought refuge in trees but many were washed away during the night. The news was not definite. The loss of life is not known but fully fifty were drowned.

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Fireman Killed in Mutiny.

Associated Press.  
New York, Nov. 28.—One fireman and five more men were injured in the mutiny on board the Malory steamer San Jacinto which arrived today. The trouble occurred Monday. The dead fireman is Pelito Molera and his death was caused by a blow on the head. Emanuel Conchero was arrested for the murder of Molera.

It seems the fight arose between Conchero and Molera over the passing of coal and others joined in the melee. The row took place in the stockhold and was only subdued when Captain Evans and other ship officers covered the men with revolvers.

## THREATENS ROCKEFELLER

Woman Whose Husband Was Ruined By Standard Oil Calls Him Down.

Associated Press.  
New York, Nov. 28.—Charged with threatening to kill John D. Rockefeller, unless he paid her a million dollars, Mrs. Rose Delina Beauvois, of Hanfield, 40 years old, was arrested today in front of the offices of the Guardian & Trust Co., on lower Broadway.

At the district attorney's office, Mrs. Hanfield said her husband had been in the oil business but that he had been ruined by the Standard Oil Company. Mrs. Hanfield is charged with having forced herself into the offices of Rockefeller last Friday and demanding one million dollars and that if she did not get it forthwith she would kill Rockefeller and burn down the building.

A check for one million dollars, drawn by some clerk, on the Guardian Trust Company was given the woman and when she presented it for payment today she was arrested. She had a revolver when arrested. She was sent to the Bellevue hospital for observation of her mental condition.

The Smoot Case.

Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, today said he would call up the case of Senator Smoot at the first opportunity. He added that he hoped to get a vote very soon and if possible to do so before the holiday recess.

Speaker Visits President.

Associated Press.  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Speaker Cannon saw the President today to ascertain some of the latter's views as to the relative importance of the various subjects in which the President is interested and which will come to the front at the approaching session of congress.

## HOUSEBREAKER IS GIVEN TWO YEARS

Jack Edens Found Guilty of Attempted Robbery of Amarillo National Bank---Volunteer Defense Makes Game Fight.

## W. H. PRESCOTT UP FOR TRIAL

Charged With Attempt to Murder W. H. Reese, Who Is Prosecuting Witness---Present Term of Court Promises to Be Record Breaker.

After several hours deliberation yesterday the jury in the case of Jack Edens charged with attempt at burglary, found the defendant guilty and assessed the penalty at two years' imprisonment. The sentence will probably take effect in a short time as Edens has no money and is not likely to secure any further appeal.

W. D. Wilson and Dennis Zimmerman, the young attorneys who were appointed by the court to defend the prisoner, since he could not furnish counsel, made a game fight for their client and probably secured for him a lighter sentence than would have otherwise been the case. They had only a few hours to work up their defense but made such a convincing use of the opportunities at hand that it seemed at times as if the prisoner would be acquitted of the charge against him if not set free entirely.

On the night when the window of the Amarillo National Bank was broken in several persons saw the man who entered the building. Of these several were positive that the man arrested a few minutes later by the marshal was the house-breaker. The man was not in sight however, all the time up to his capture. The defendant in this case claimed that he was coming from the station and ran when the marshal started after him because he was afraid of arrest for vagrancy or some such cause.

The defense made the most of these points and on the other hand showed that the attempt on the bank could not have been, from the circumstances, a serious attempt at burglary as the intruder had no tools and acted more like a drunk or crazy man than house-breaker with a definite purpose.

Prescott Case Today.

Another case which is thought likely to end in a sentence is the Prescott case on trial today. W. H. Prescott is being tried on a charge of attempt to kill W. H. Reese, the husband of Prescott's divorced wife. Three other men including Prescott's son, a simple minded boy, are also under indictment for complicity in the attempt.

The crime was committed last summer and came near being murder. W. H. Reese met the four men on Tyler street and was severely stabbed by Prescott, while, so Reese says, the other men held him. Reese barely escaped death from the wounds, but has now recovered and is an important witness in the trial.

Witnesses Testimony.

W. H. Reese, the victim of the cutting, was put on the stand first this morning. He proved a ready talker and told without hesitating the particulars of his connection

with Prescott and the difficulty. The man Prescott, he said, was the former husband of his wife and was the father of Mrs. Reese's children. He, Reese, and his wife had not gotten along well together and she had sued for a divorce. But in the meantime she was living in his house and was being supported by him.

On the night of the trouble he had been going home from town and had met four men on the street. One asked, "Is your name Reese?" Upon his affirmative answer the man, whom he recognized as Prescott, said "You have been abusing my children." "No," answered Reese, "let me explain." Then Reese says one of the men grabbed and yelled, "Go to him Prescott." Prescott stabbed him repeatedly in the abdomen and finally Reese broke away and took refuge in a neighboring house.

On cross examination he denied having threatened Prescott other than telling Mrs. Reese that her former husband must stay away from the house or he would get hurt. He admitted having purchased a pistol previous to the difficulty but denied having it with him on the night in question and said that he knew nothing of the pistol found near the scene of the cutting.

W. N. Griswold, a ticket broker on the Bowery, testified to seeing the two men together a few days before the trouble. Prescott had a knife in his hand and seemed to be threatening Reese.

Mrs. Cole, in whose house the wounded man took refuge, told of his condition and words when he came to the house and of the cries of "help!" from near her house where the cutting occurred.

The jury hearing this case is: M. McLaughlin, J. H. Avery, W. J. Patton, A. F. Stroud, W. E. Strode, W. D. Martin, B. C. D. Bynum, A. L. McKnight, H. C. Harding, J. R. Low and A. B. Ray.

Grand Jury Still at Work.

"When is that grand jury going to get through and go away?" demanded Jack Floyd, the county assessor yesterday. "I don't feel like running much myself and I feel lots easier after they've gotten through and adjourned." Whether the genial assessor had any grounds for feeling uneasy is a matter of some question, but in some quarters there is probably just ground for apprehension. The grand jury is still busy and many indictments are being turned in. Not all these indictments will come to trial because some of the parties wanted have quietly left the scene of their recent activities and are visiting in other parts. The most important case yet to be handled in this court is the Dockray case and the indictments in this have not yet been made public.

## 72 COUNTS AGAINST WATERS-PIERCE CO.

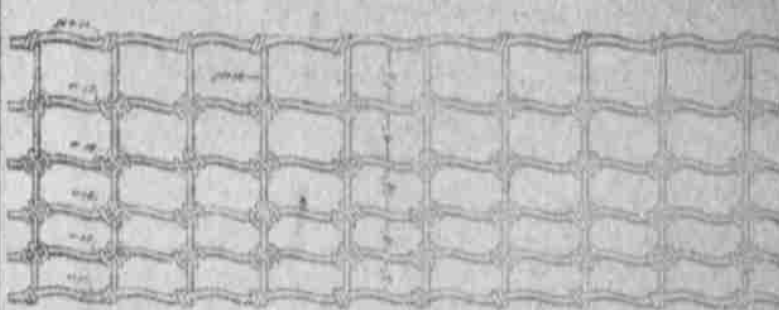
St. Louis, Nov. 28.—The federal grand jury today returned two indictments with a total of seventy-two counts against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, charging the company with having discriminated in freight rates and having discriminated in

the legal freight rates on shipments of oil in violation of the interstate commerce law and the Elkins act. The indictments charged the company with accepting lower rates on shipments of oil over the Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific lines from St. Louis to Alexandria, La., and to eleven specified points beyond.

St. Louis Wool.

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At Mrs. Reeder's.  
Miss Lena Brack entertained a small party of young people yesterday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. C. B. Reeder, on Jackson street. Music and progressive games furnished amusement for the evening. At a late hour, in the dining room, a delicious lunch was served of fried oysters, sandwiches, pickles and coffee. Each guest drew his share of favors containing toasts. The toasts were then read aloud in turn and the toasters were allowed to toast marshmallows over the grate all the time came for leaving.

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